

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-31 Previously Canceled

32. (Previously Presented) A method for brokering messages between middleware systems comprising:
- communicating a message from a mainframe system in a Cobol copybook format;
- mapping the message in Cobol copybook format onto the fields in a structured event format;
- communicating the message converted from Cobol copybook format to structured event format to a middleware brokering system;
- communicating a message from a JMS system in a JMS message format;
- mapping the message in the JMS format onto the fields in a structured event format;
- communicating the message converted from JMS format to the structured event format to the middleware brokering system;
- communicating a message from a CORBA system in the structured event format to the middleware brokering system;
- using the middleware broker to determine the destination for each of the messages from the JMS, CORBA, and mainframe systems; and
- directing each of the messages to the appropriate one of the JMS, CORBA, and mainframe systems.

33. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 32 further comprising:
converting the messages destined for the mainframe system from the structured event format to Cobol copybook format; and
converting the mcssages destined for the JMS system from structured event format to the JMS system.
34. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 32 further comprising:
registering each of the mcssages with a publish/subscribe engine; and
brokering the messages between the JMS, CORBA, and mainframe systems based on the messages that the JMS, CORBA, and mainframe systems have registered to receive.